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SUBJECT: NEPAL IN THE CONGRESSIONAL RECORD

NEW DELHI FOR KUX

1. MARCH 17 CONGRESSIONAL RECORD CONTAINS STATEMENT BY SENATOR PERCY ON CORONATION AND TEXTS OF KING BIRENDRA'S TWO SPEECHES (FEBRUARY 24 AND 25) AND PRIME MINISTER RIJAL'S SPEECH FEBRUARY 24. TEXT OF PERCY STATEMENT FOLLOWS:

2. QUOTE: MR. PRESIDENT, I RECENTLY RETURNED FROM A VISIT TO NEPAL WHERE I ATTENDED THE CORONATION CEREMONIES OF HIS MAJESTY KING BIRENDRA BIR BIKRAM SHAH DEV AS A REPRESENTATIVE OF THE PRESIDENT. OUR DELEGATION, HEADED BY MR. PHILIP W. BUCHEN, COUNSEL TO THE PRESIDENT, AND CONSISTING OF AMBASSADOR TO NEPAL WILLIAM I. CARGO,  
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CONGRESSMAN L.H. FOUNTAIN, NORTH CAROLINA; ASSISTANT

SECRETARY OF STATE FOR PUBLIC AFFAIRS CAROL C. LAISE,  
MR. JAMES E. BROWN, UTAH; MRS. MARQUITA MAYTAG, CALIFORNIA;  
AND AMBASSADOR TO NIGER L. DOUGLAS HECK IN ADDITION TO  
MYSELF, RETURNED FROM THE 3 DAYS OF OFFICIAL CELEBRATIONS  
FEBRUARY 23-25, EXTREMELY IMPRESSED WITH THE DEVELOPMENT

PROGRESS NEPAL HAS ACHIEVED AND THE SUPERB ORGANIZATION  
WHICH CHARACTERIZED THIS OCCASION.

3. THIS SMALL LAND-LOCKED COUNTRY OF APPROXIMATELY 12  
MILLION PEOPLE LIES NESTLED ALONG THE HIMALAYA MOUNTAINS  
BETWEEN INDIA AND CHINA. THE NEPALESE WHO ARE FIERCELY  
PROUD OF THEIR OWN UNIQUE TRADITIONS, IMPRESSED UPON US  
THEIR DETERMINATION TO PRESERVE THEIR INDEPENDENCE AND  
SOVEREIGNTY AND TO MAKE PROGRESS TOWARD OVERCOMING THEIR  
CHALLENGING DEVELOPMENTAL PROBLEMS. THE U.S. DELEGATION  
STRESSED OUR CONTINUING INTEREST IN GOOD RELATIONS WITH  
NEPAL AND OUR SUPPORT FOR NEPAL'S INDEPENDENCE AND  
DEVELOPMENTAL PROGRESS.

4. IN A SPEECH BEFORE THE DISTINGUISHED REPRESENTATIVES  
OF 57 COUNTRIES, KING BIRENDRA TOOK THE OPPORTUNITY TO  
REITERATE HIS CONCERN FOR PEACE AS A PREREQUISITE TO  
NEPAL'S ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT. WE ASSURED HIM  
THAT THIS IS OUR OWN GOAL AND THAT OUR PRIMARY INTEREST  
IN SOUTH ASIA IS PEACE AND STABILITY, WHICH WE SEE AS  
ESSENTIAL FOR THE AREA'S CONTINUED DEVELOPMENT.

5. THE 29-YEAR-OLD KING FACES A DIFFICULT TASK IN  
OVERCOMING CENTURIES OF ISOLATION ON THE ONE HAND AND  
THE EFFECTS OF INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC DISLOCATIONS ON  
THE OTHER, BUT HE RECOGNIZES THE TASK AND HAS COMMITTED  
HIMSELF TO MOVING HIS COUNTRY FORWARD. IN ORDER TO DO  
THIS, HE HAS SET AS ONE OF HIS TOP PRIORITIES IMPROVE-  
MENT OF NEPAL'S EDUCATION SYSTEM AND THE REDUCTION OF  
ILLITERACY. WE SHOULD COMMEND HIM ON HIS FARSIGHTEDNESS  
IN CHANNELING HIS COUNTRY'S RESOURCES AND ENERGY IN THIS  
FIELD WHICH WILL HAVE LONG-TERM BENEFICIAL IMPLICATIONS  
IN EVERY OTHER AREA OF NEPAL'S DEVELOPMENT. HIS EFFORTS  
DESERVE OUR SUPPORT AND ENCOURAGEMENT IN THE YEARS AHEAD.  
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6. I ASK UNANIMOUS CONSENT THAT THREE ADDRESSES GIVEN  
ON THIS OCCASION, THE FIRST BY PRIME MINISTER OF  
NEPAL RIJAL, AND TWO BY KING BIRENDRA BE PRINTED IN  
THE RECORD.

7. THERE BEING NO OBJECTION, THE ADDRESSES WERE ORDERED  
TO BE PRINTED IN THE RECORD, AS FOLLOWS. UNQUOTE. INGERSOLL

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